(d) whether this will lead to cost escalation of these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI M. M. JACOB) : (a) Two.

(b) to (d) While two major projects have not been cleared due to non-resolution of inter-State issues, on one major project, the State Government has to obtain clearance from environment and forest angle. In respect of eight medium irrigation project, five have been received during January-March, 1989, whereas on the three medium projects the State Government has to comply with the observations of Central appraising agencies.

News item captioned "Bank's deposit growth Slack"

348. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the Economic Times of 26th June, 1989 titled "Bank's deposit growth slack"; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Reserve Bank of India has reported that during the current financial year 1989-90 (from March 24, 1989 to June 2, 1989), the aggregate deposits of banks rose by 3.7 per cent as against 2.5 per cent during the corresponding period of 1988-89.

Policy of limited operation by JCI

349. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Jute Corporation of India has taken a policy of limiting its operations; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE) : (a) and (b) Procurement policy of Jute Corporation of India under Price Support Operation is open-ended and whatever quantity is offered by growers to JCI at Minimum Support price shall be purchased. However, purchases above Minimum Support price level can only be made against indents backed by guaranteed payment arrangements.

Moratorium by RBI

350. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA : Will the Minister of Finance be pleased to state :

(a) Whether it is a fact that a bank in private sector has been put under morratorium by the Reserve Bank of India recently; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EXPENDITURE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI B.K. GADHVI): (a) and (b) On the recommendations of the Reserve Bank of India, the Central Government has issued an order of moratorium with effect from the close of business on the 10th June, 1989 and upto and inclusive of 10th October, 1989 in respect of the United Industrial Bank Ltd., Calcutta, under the provisions of section 45 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.